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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Award of the National Security Medal

The President has approved the award of the National Security Medal to Mr. Robert E. Rich, Deputy Director, National Security Agency. The approved citation to accompany the award is attached.

The NSC Staff point of contact is Kenneth E. deGraffenreid, 395-3334, in making arrangements for the presentation of this award.

John M. Poindexter

Attachment Citation

cc: The Secretary of Defense

The Director, National Security Agency

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

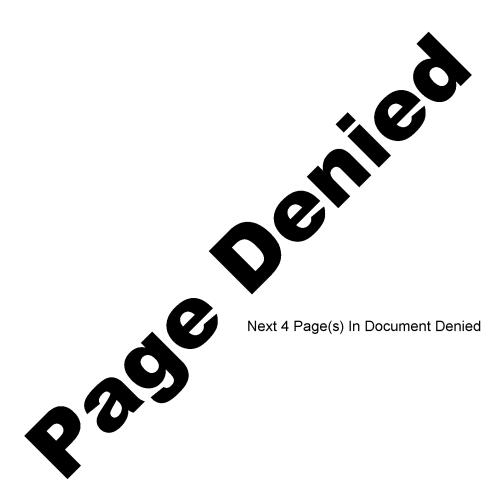
TO

MR. ROBERT E. RICH

for exemplary performance of duty as Deputy Director, National Security Agency and a distinguished cryptologic career of 36 years with the National Security Agency.

Mr. Rich, through his unique leadership and management skills, and unblemished personal integrity is recognized as one of the key individuals instrumental in shaping the national cryptologic effort into the dynamic and sophisticated system it has become today. His personal efforts in structuring the information base available to national decision makers in dealing with the Achille Lauro, KAL-007, TWA flight 840 and Libyan terrorism incidents is testimony to his significant contributions.

Mr. Rich's superior achievements, which are recognized at all levels of Government, deserve the highest recognition for his meritorious service to this nation and merit the Award of the National Security Medal.



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